



VETBrief

ARIZONA DISTRICT OFFICE

The Arizona District Office will be hosting the upcoming events. For specific information, contact James Pipper, Veterans Business Development Officer at 602.745.7230 or fax: 602.745.7210.

Veterans Business Resource Seminar	
September 23, 2004	Kingman
October 19, 2004	Sierra Vista
November 9, 2004	Tucson
January 18, 2005	Yuma
February 22, 2005	Phoenix
March 15, 2005	Lake Havasu City
April 18, 2005	Show Low, Pinetop, Lakeside
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June 16, 2005	Phoenix

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FREE!!!

Veteran Workshop

Presented by

U. S. Small Business Administration

Los Angeles District Office

&

Department of Military & Veteran Affairs

**Office of Veterans Business Development
U.S. Small Business Administration**

Los Angeles County Office

Saturday, October 23, 2004

8:30 A.M. Registration & Refreshments

9 A.M. to Noon

Patriotic Hall Auditorium

**1816 S. Figueroa Los Angeles
(Between Venice & Washington)**

How to Start a Small Business

Topics to Include

SBA & Lender Requirements

PRO-Net, 8a Certification & Government Contracting

How to Clean Up Your Credit Report

SCORE & SBDC Programs

Micro-Loan Program

Buying a Franchise

Questions or to Register

**Barbara Madel, SBA Economic Development Specialist
818-552-3314**

Refreshments Furnished by Local Lender



U.S. General Services Administration

Service Disabled Veteran-owned Small Business Events

Upcoming Events

Select the links below for more information:

[Guardians of Freedom and Enterprise Conference](#)

Kansas City, Missouri, October 18–19, 2004

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Other Resources for Service Disabled Veteran-owned Small Businesses

[OSBU Fiscal Year 2004 National Calendar of Events](#)

[FSS Center for Acquisition Excellence Offers GSA Schedules Training](#)

[Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Initiative](#)

[VetBiz Registration](#)

The Northern Ohio Procurement Technical Assistance Centers,
in conjunction with the US Small Business Administration
is offering a symposium providing business assistance,
resources and information to area Veterans.

Pre-Registration is required due to security at the Naval Reserve Center.
Participants are required to be on the attendee list and have a photo ID.

Fee: \$15.00 (lunch included)

****You must register before October 27th****

Space is limited so please register early

Events will include:

Opening presentations

Scott Denniston, Dept. of Veterans Affairs

Dennis DeMolet, SBA Advisory Comm. On Veterans Affairs

Trade Fair of local business resources & buyers

Workshops

Government Procurement

GSA Schedules

Business Financing

SBA Certifications

DoD E-Mail

Entrepreneurship

Marketing Strategies

Legislative Updates

Luncheon with keynote speaker

Brigadier General Tim White, USAFR

WKYC Channel 3 News Anchor

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Veteran Business Symposium

Thursday November 4, 2004

Naval Reserve Center,

1089 East 9th St, Cleveland, OH

7:30 am – 4:30 pm

It is suggested that you register online at www.lcedc.org however you will still need to mail in your registration fee.

Registration Form

Attendee Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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Are you currently in Business? YES ☐ NO ☐

Are you interested in Government Procurement? YES ☐ NO ☐

Luncheon entrée choice: Beef Stroganoff Lemon Pepper Chicken

Pre-Registration is required. Space is limited so register early!

Return completed registration form and \$15.00 fee (make checks payable to Lake County Economic Development Center) to:

Jane M Stewart
NEO-PTAC
391 W Washington St
Painesville, OH 44077

For more information please contact Jane Stewart (440) 357-2294

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Veteran Business Symposium
November 4, 2004

Agenda

7:15 – 8:00

Registration

8:00 – 9:30

Welcome – Cmdr. Donald Dombrowsky, CNRC

Color Guard

National Anthem – Stephanie Morse, vocalist

Scott Denniston, Dept. of Veterans Affairs

Dennis DeMolet, SBA Advisory Comm. On Veterans Affairs

9:30 – 10:15

Are you financially ready for business?

Government Procurement

Business Marketing

GSA Schedules

10:15 – 11:00

Is Entrepreneurship Right for You?

Government Procurement

GSA Schedules

Marketing

11:00 – 12:00

Networking/Trade Fair

12:00 – 1:00

Lunch

Keynote Speaker: Tim White, Channel 3 News Anchor

1:00 – 2:00

Networking/Trade Fair

2:00 – 2:45

Government Procurement Panel

DoD E-Mail

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Business Certification Programs

2:45 – 3:30

Government Procurement Panel
Computer Needs of Small Businesses

Business Financing Panel

4:30

Closing

FEDERAL AGENCIES

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY (DLA)

Defense Phone Card Program Goes Public

Military Phone Card Donation Program Goes Public

The Department of Defense announced today that any American can now help troops in contingency operations call home. The Defense Department has authorized the Armed Services Exchanges to sell prepaid calling cards to any individual or organization that wishes to purchase cards for troops who are deployed. The “Help Our Troops Call Home” program is designed to help service members call home from Operations Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

For those wishing to donate a prepaid calling card to a military member may log on to any of the three Armed Services Exchange web sites: the Army and Air Force Exchange Service <http://aafes.com/> [https://www.aafes.com/], the Navy Exchange Service Command <http://www.navy-nex.com> [http://www.navy-nex.com], and the Marine Corps Exchange <http://www.usmc-mccs.org> [http://www.usmc-mccs.org/]. Click the “Help Our Troops Call Home” link. From there, a prepaid calling card may be purchased for an individual at his or her deployed address or to “any service member” deployed or hospitalized. The Armed Services Exchanges will distribute cards donated to “any service member” through the American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society and the Fisher House Foundation.

The Armed Services Exchanges operate telephone call centers in Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan, and other countries and aboard ships -- anywhere service members are deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. All of these locations stay busy around the clock to keep up communication between deployed troops and their loved ones. The cards available through the “Help Our Troops Call Home” program offer the best value for calls made from the call centers never expire, and there are no added charges or connection fees.

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Individuals and organizations also can show their support to deployed troops and their families with gift certificates. The "Gift of Groceries" program allows anyone to purchase commissary gift certificates at <http://www.cinnassarues.com> [<http://www.commissaries.com/>] or by calling toll free 1 (877) 770-GIFT. The Armed Services Exchanges offer the "Gift From the Home-front" gift certificate for merchandise at these exchange web sites: <http://www.aafes.com> and <http://www.navy-nex.com> or by calling toll free 1 (877) 770-GIFT. Gift certificates may be purchased to be mailed to service members and family members or will be distributed to "any service member." Only authorized commissary and exchange patrons may redeem the gift certificates at military commissaries and exchanges, including those stores supporting deployed personnel around the globe.

Other Veteran Events

HBCU/MSI Business Programs

Veteran and Service-Disabled Veterans are the key Federal topic at the September 13-15, 2004 New Realities Program at Jackson State University.

For additional information contact Dr. Mary White at mary.m.white@isumu.edu.

